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REFERENCES: A) STATE 082908; B) STATE 076372

1. ONE OF THE MOST COMPLEX ASPECTS OF THE TRANSFER OF
FUNCTIONS SUPPORTING INC PROJECTS FROM A.I.D. TO THE
DEPARTMENT RELATES TO THE ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORT-
ING ACTIVITIES. IN ORDER TO PROPERLY ASSESS THE PROBLEM

AND DEVELOP APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE, THE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED A FINANCIAL SERVICES WORKING GROUP WITH MEMBERSHIP DRAWN FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF FINANCIAL SERVICES, S/NM, M/MO AND SYSTEMS. A.I.D. IS ALSO REPRESENTED ON THE WORKING GROUP.

2. THE WORKING GROUP HAS OBTAINED THE FULL-TIME ASSISTANCE OF A FINANCIAL CONSULTANT WHO HAS BEEN ASSESSING S/NM ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; DEVELOPING PROCEDURES FOR THE TRANSFER OF ACCOUNTS; AND DESIGNING WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY A NEW PROJECT ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR INC ACTIVITIES IN THE DEPARTMENT. A MANUAL OF PROCEDURES IS NOW IN PROCESS AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY MID-AUGUST. THIS MANUAL WILL DESCRIBE IN DETAIL THE PROJECT ACCOUNTING

SYSTEM. THE ALLOTMENT ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR INC FUNDS WILL NOT VARY FROM ALLOTMENT ACCOUNTING PRESENTLY USED FOR DOS FUNDS.

3. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING WHAT WILL BE A THREE PART TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PROMULGATING THE PROJECT ACCOUNTING SYSTEM: A) THE FIRST PART WILL BE A ONE WEEK FINANCIAL SERVICES WORKSHOP IN LATE AUGUST. THE WORKSHOP WILL PROBABLY BE HELD IN WASHINGTON AND WILL BE ATTENDED BY BUDGET AND FISCAL OFFICERS AND A PRINCIPAL FSL ASSISTANT FROM EACH POST. S/NM WILL FUND TRAVEL. EXACT DATES UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE WORKSHOP WILL BE ANNOUNCED. B) THE SECOND PHASE OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM WILL BE AT POST IN SEPTEMBER. TWO-MAN TEAMS WOULD VISIT EACH AFFECTED POST AND SPEND SEVERAL DAYS WITH THE BUDGET AND FISCAL STAFF IN FURTHER EXPLAINING PROJECT ACCOUNTING AND ASSISTING IN INSTALLING THE SYSTEM. C) THE THIRD PHASE WOULD TAKE PLACE AFTER OCTOBER 1. WE WILL HAVE AVAILABLE IN S/NM THE EXPERT WHO IS DESIGNING THE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR AN ADDITIONAL 45 DAYS TO BACKSTOP INQUIRIES FROM THE FIELD. THE EXPERT WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR TRAVEL TO POST IF THAT SHOULD PROVE TO BE NECESSARY.

4. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT WITH THE FOREGOING MEASURES WE CAN MAKE THE FINANCIAL SERVICES TRANSITION FROM A.I.D. TO STATE WITH A MINIMUM OF DISRUPTION. VANCE

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